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Hi, Lisa, today on the press call Melissa Harrison said she would get back to one reporter from the LA Times about the connection between the Gold King and Sunnyside mines. She did not commit to releasing the information to other reporters. I would also like to receive the information when/if she gives it to the LA Times reporter.

Also, EPA officials have said several times now that there will be an independent investigation into the spill. Who will be conducting the investigation, and has it begun? I asked the question today and the person responding said he didn't know.

Thanks very much,

Valerie

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